



Mother Mary Johnson

LAY INSTATE

Old Path "Miracle Cathedral"
Church of God in Christ

Monday, December 26, 2011

12 noon

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, December 26, 2011
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



HOMEGOING CELEBRATION LIFE SERVICE

OLD PATH "MIRACLE CATHEDRAL"
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
500 ARKANSAS STREET
VALLEJO, CA 94590

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011

11:00 AM

BISHOP ALBERT GALBRAITH
OFFICIATING

Memorial Service for Mother Mary Johnson
Monday, December 26, 2011

Order of Service

ELDER ANTHONY BROWN - FACILITATOR

Call to Worship "We Have Come Into This House" Missionary Ann Strong
Invocation Pastor Roderick Toliver
Reading of the Holy Scriptures
 Old Testament Jeremiah 29:11 Pastor Rodney Levias
 New Testament 1 Corinthians 13 Pastor Jerome Davison
MINISTRY OF MUSIC "MEDLEY OF TESTIMONY SONGS" OLD PATH INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR

Precious Memories: As We Knew (2 minutes please)
Family and Friends

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "I'M ON THE BATTLEFIELD" BROWN FAMILY COUSINS CHOIR

Words of Wisdom
Mother Lillian Harris
Old Path Mother's Board President

Family Reflections (2 minutes)
Mother Addie Miller, Niece of Mother Mary Johnson
Dr. Reginald Smith, Nephew of Mother Mary Johnson

Clergy Reflections & Expressions

SERMONIC SELECTION "I WON'T COMPLAIN" MINISTER MARKELL GOSS

Words of Comfort *Pastor Harold Johnson, Jr.*

Celebration of Life Service for Mother Mary Johnson
Tuesday, December 27, 2011

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DR. STEVE THORNER - FACILITATOR

MUSIC PRELUDE MINISTER KRISTOPHER ROSS

Processional

Bishops, Administrative Assistants, Clergy,
Jurisdictional Supervisors, Assistants, District Missionaries, Family and Local Church Family

Invocation.Bishop John Wynn

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament1 Chronicles 4:9-10. Elder Shaundell Jacob

New Testament St. Matthew 18:18-20. Elder Fred Slaughter, Sr.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC "OH HOW PRECIOUS" OLD PATH INSPIRATIONAL
CHOIR AND FRIENDS**

Civic Proclamation & Resolutions

City of Vallejo Proclamation Mayor Osby Davis
NAACP Resolution - Oakland NAACP Imani Youth Council. Valeska Guterrez
California-Hawaii NAACP Youth Vice President

Local Church Reflections & Expressions (3 minutes)

Women's Department Mother Rosemary Ellenburg
General Church Deacon Michael Lewis, Head Deacon

SPECIAL SOLO SUPERINTENDENT BOOKER TURNER

Vallejo District #2 Reflections & Expressions (3 minutes)

Women's Department Missionary Janice Davison, Asst. District Missionary
General Church Assistant Superintendent James Marchbanks
District Superintendent Dan Slaughter, Sr.

Northern California First Jurisdiction Reflections & Expressions (3 minutes)

Women's Department Mother Richardine Hunt, Supervisor of Women
General Church Supt EG Williams, 5th Admin Assistant

Words of Encouragement

**BISHOP J.W. MACKLIN, 2ND PRESIDING BISHOP
CHURCHES OF GOD IN CHRIST, INTERNATIONAL**

Special Family Friends Reflections

Mother Plumie Dancey, NorCal Metropolitan Jurisdiction, Supervisor of Women
Pastor Eugene Reynolds, Master Builder of Old Path :Miracle Cathedral"

Family Reflections (3 minutes)

Sister Shirley Powell, Niece of Mother Mary Johnson
Elder Anthony Brown, Nephew of Mother Mary Johnson

MINISTRY IN MUSIC THE HAROLD JOHNSON SINGERS

Clergy Reflections & Expressions

Resolutions

Old Path "Miracle Cathedral" Sister Diahana Thorner
Vallejo District #2 Missionary Denise Slaughter
Northern California First Jurisdiction Mother Richardine Hunt

Acknowledgement of Cards Sister Victoria M. Lewis

The Scroll of Life - Her Story Sister Cynthia Alexander

Presentation of Eulogist Superintendent J.Q. Jones
1st Administrative Assistant, NCFJ

SERMONIC SOLO, LADY PATRICIA TAU

Eulogist **BISHOP ALBERT GALBRAITH, JR.**

PRELATE -NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRST JURISDICTION



Glimpse Til' Glory

PARTING VIEW COOLEY & RIOLO MORTUARY STAFF

Recessional

Sealing of the Bier - Johnson Family

Mother Mary Johnson

The Scroll of Life - Her Story *Mother Mary Johnson*

Mary (Brown) Johnson was born May 1, 1932 in Desoto, Georgia, to Green and Gussie Brown. She was the youngest sibling of eleven children.

Wanting to provide a better life for their family, her parents decided to move from the south to west coast, therefore moving to Vallejo in 1933. Mary also fondly known as "Auntie May" to her family-at-large and "Bop Mama" to her grands and great-grands was one year of age when she moved to California with her entire family.

Early in her childhood it was realized that Mary was a brilliant and intellectual person. She was educated in the Vallejo Unified School District. Mary furthered her education, graduating from what was then, Vallejo Junior College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Business 1951 with honors. Upon graduation, she obtained employment as the executive secretary to the principal of Vallejo Senior High. Seeking promotion, she applied for the job of executive secretary to the President of Vallejo Junior College, now known as Solano Community College. Although she was well qualified for the position, initially she was not hired. The NAACP intervened; she re-applied and was duly hired for the job. All this was accomplished before the march and work to end segregation.

Later in her career, she worked as executive secretary at the Benicia Arsenal, executive secretary to the President of Kaiser Hospital (Vallejo) and payroll clerk at Mare Island Shipyard. Upon her demise, she was the Residential Service Provider Owner/Operator of the Johnson Family Home, a home that has served the developmental disabled community for 35 years.

Mary Johnson dedicated her life to the Lord as young child. She was baptized with the Holy Ghost at the tender age of six. She would often testify how she backslided for a short period of time, returning to the Lord at the age of 13, never looking back again. From her teen years, her primary ministry was that of an intercessory prayer warrior, a mantle which was inherited from her mother. Mother Johnson was a women of obstinate faith.

On the remarkable day of June 25, 1955, Mary married her life's love, Harold Johnson, Sr. To this union, God blessed them with five children: Janet, Diane, Judy, Grace and Harold, Jr. She also cared and loved her eldest stepson, Leo Fatheree.

Elder Harold and Sister Mary Johnson worked in the ministry of the landmark pentecostal church in the city of Vallejo, All Nations Church of God in Christ under the pastorate of Superintendent R.B. Garrett. Sister Mary Johnson was a daughter of the church at All Nations, receiving training through the ranks at a young age continuing thru adulthood. She was a prayer warrior, Sunday School teacher, usher, choir member and radio announcer clerk, just to name a few. Whatever she found her hands to do, she did it with excellence and dignity.

When Elder Harold Johnson, Sr. responded "yes" to the clarion call to pastor, she duly supported her husband in ministry. On July 15, 1962 they established and founded Old Path Church of God in Christ. This ministry has served the community for 49 years. They established a free weekly community breakfast that feeds approximately 200 people a month for the former 20 years.

The Scroll of Life - Her Story (Continued)

Through Old Path ministries many lives has been changed and blessed, souls have been saved, the sick have been miraculously healed, and ministries have been launched.

In the lifetime of Mother Mary and the late Superintendent Harold Johnson, Sr., working harmoniously together; with the help of the Lord, God blessed them to pay-off two edifices of worship, in which they always would humbly say, "To God be the glory."

Mary Johnson was highly respected in both the civic and faith-based community. She has held an plethora of positions. She was a volunteer parent-teacher coordinator at Curry Elementary, key strategist in the faith-based SVOC (Sacramento Valley Organizing Community) and Vendors Advisory Board President to North Bay Regional Center. She was Old Path Women Ministries President, an instructor of Old Testament Studies at Charles Harrison Mason Bible College.

She was currently serving as an executive board member in the Women's Department of Northern California First Jurisdiction -Churches of God in Christ and the District Missionary of Vallejo District #2 of NCFJ, the district in which her husband organized and established approximately 25 years ago.

On Sunday afternoon, December 18, 2011 after a very brief illness, the Lord called this warrior, Mother Mary Johnson, home for her well earned rest.

She is preceded in death by her late husband, Superintendent Harold Johnson, Sr., her parents, Green and Gussie Brown, eight siblings, Rosa May Only, Rose Lee Hodge, Gussie Lee, Classie Casey, Jimmy Brown, Alfonso Brown, Oce Brown and Allen Brown.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children; Janet Cochran, Diane Terrell, Judy Johnson, Grace (Roderick) Toliver, all of Vallejo, Harold (Leisa) Johnson, of Suisun, CA, and Leo (Glenda) Fatheree of Houston, TX. Two siblings: Anna Hamilton and James (Jacqueline) Brown, one sister-in-law: Vernita Brown. Twenty grandchildren: Chanell Cochran, Kendrick (Danielle) Cochran, Michelle and Nicole Fatheree, Blake, Harold David, Roderick II, Jordan, Kujuna, Marcus, Jhamond, Kristopher (Deleisa), Chereal, Ja'Brien, Isaiah, Chara. Three great grandchildren: Nala, Xavier, and Kristopher, Jr. (KJ), Her sister-niece, Millie Smith, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, her goddaughter, Lady Rhonda Williams, Evangelist Diana Evans, Sister Betty Rowland, and Mother Julia; many spiritual sons and daughters and the Old Path church family.

**A GREAT SERVANT CALLED FROM LABOR TO REWARD . . . WE WILL MISS YOU
MOTHER MARY JOHNSON**

A Favorite Scripture: . . . For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. **Jeremiah 29:11**

JOHN 14:1-4 LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED: YE BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME.



IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS:



: IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR



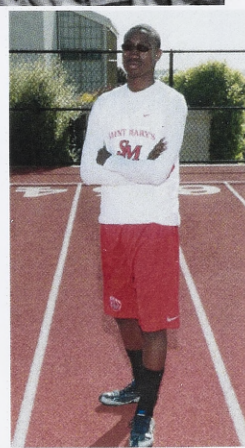
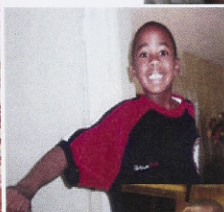
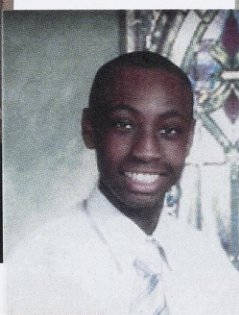
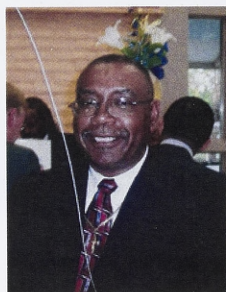
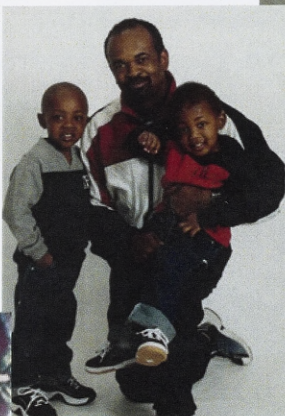
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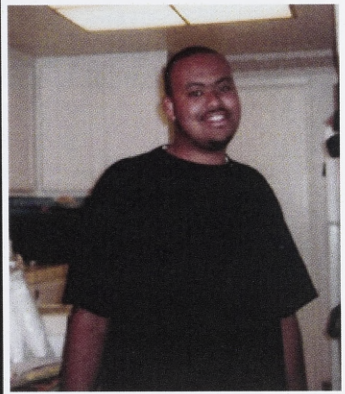
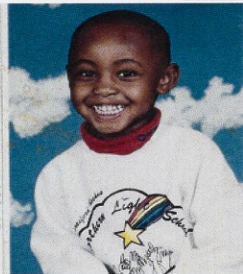


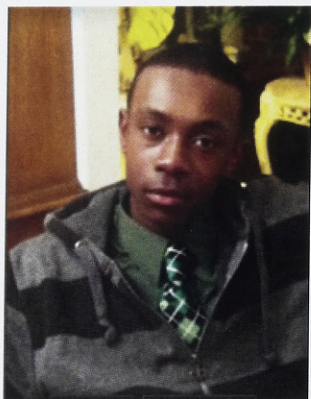
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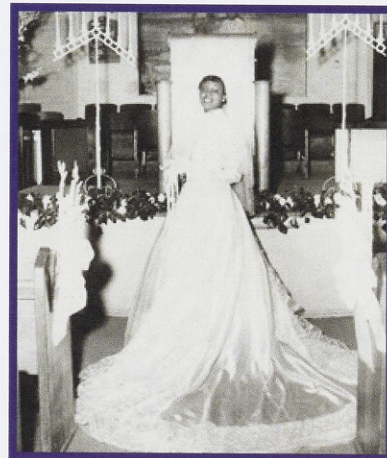
AND WHITHER I GO YE KNOW, AND THE WAY YE KNOW.







REUNITED - TOGETHER AGAIN



Pallbearers

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| ∞ Minister John Alexander | ∞ Minister Latan Jones |
| ∞ Deacon Ellis Thomas | ∞ Deacon Allen Ward |
| ∞ Brother Cecil Grayson | ∞ Brother Michael Levias |
| ∞ Brother David Rowland | ∞ Brother Darrel Pouncey |



Honorary Pallbearers

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| ∞ Johnson Family Grandchildren | ∞ Mother Richardine Hunt & NCFJ |
| ∞ Mother Anna Hamilton | Women Department |
| ∞ Mr. & Mrs. James Brown | ∞ Old Path "Miracle Cathedral" |
| ∞ Mrs. Millie Smith | Mother's Board & Women Dept |
| ∞ Mrs. Shirley Powell | ∞ Vallejo District # 2 Women Dept |
| ∞ Mrs. Arlene Patrick | ∞ Mrs. Rosie Skillman |
| ∞ Mother Vernita Brown | |

The Johnson Family would like to thank you.....

PERHAPS YOU SANG A LOVELY SONG, OR SAT QUIETLY IN A CHAIR
PERHAPS YOU SENT A FLOWER, IF SO WE SAW IT THERE
PERHAPS YOU SPOKE THE KINDEST WORDS, AS ANY FRIEND COULD SAY
PERHAPS YOU ARE NOT HERE AT ALL, JUST THINKING OF US ON THIS DAY
WHATEVER YOU DID TO CONSOLE OUR HEARTS,
WE THANK YOU SO MUCH - WHATEVER THE PART

INTERMENT

Sunrise Memorial Park

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